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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Ryan M. Gleitz
Masashige TAMURA	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 10/693,981	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 3977
Filed: October 28, 2003	)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	)	December 29, 2005
INCLUDING GRAVITY-OPERATED	:	
OPENING AND CLOSING MEMBER	)	
FOR DISCHARGING EXCESS	:	
DEVELOPER (AS AMENDED)	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated August 31, 2005, for one (1) month from November 30, 2005, to December 31, 2005.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or

credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

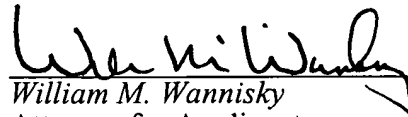
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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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